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GM's Corner

Memorial Day

by Tim Hestle

With Memorial Day approaching, I decided to do a little research. Everyone knows that Memorial Day is a holiday and it is observed on the last Monday in May,

because we get a long, three day weekend. But what is Memorial Day? Why is it celebrated? How did it get started?

The War Between the States or Civil War claimed more lives than any war in U.S. history. Afterward, Americans in various towns and cities across the nation began holding springtime tributes to the countless fallen soldiers. It is unclear where this tradition originated; however, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo hosted its first annual, communitywide event, on May 5, 1866, with businesses closing and residents decorating the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of a Civil War veterans' organization, called for a Nationwide Day of Remembrance. May 30 was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle. Due to graves' being covered with flowers and flags, he called this day of remembrance "Decoration Day." On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National



DES Customer Meeting - May 14 Agenda

The next customer meeting will be 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the Nashville Downtown Partnership Center, at Fourth and Commerce. A light lunch will be provided.

This year's meeting will highlight Delta T issues and the proposed Combined Heat and Power Project.

Please RSVP to Harry Ragsdale by May 5 at 615-264-2611 or hragdsdale@thernmalegi.com.

The customer meeting is a forum for sharing concerns about fluctuating energy costs and methods for keeping costs in check. Our goal is to give you an opportunity to participate. We continue to work with customers to identify issues contributing to higher costs and a lower quality of service, and we hope to give MNDES the opportunity to share experiences with customers and contribute to further improvements, energy conservation and reduced costs.

We look forward to seeing you May 14.

Thank You!

Harry Ragsdale

MNDES Project Contract
Administrator



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Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those who lost their lives while fighting in the Civil War. During World War I, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate U.S. military personnel who died in all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. Then, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May. In 1971, Memorial Day officially became a federal holiday. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 p.m. local time on that day each year to honor men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

The tradition of decorating graves continues today. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades.

Unofficially, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer.

Another kick-off for the beginning of the summer is DES' preparation for the cooling season. The chillers have had all preventive maintenance performed, the tubes have been cleaned, and the cooling towers are being refurbished. Additional water treatment chemistry has been added to the chilled-water loop to aid with the exchange of heat, thus making cooling more efficient. A steam outage has been scheduled for July 19 to make necessary repairs and increase the reliability of the steam system prior to the next heating season.

I hope you enjoyed the history lesson and that everyone has a great summer. This Memorial Day, please take a few moments to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the things we do. Thanks.



National Hockey League Names

Golf Tournament

Location: Indian Hills Golf Course

405 Calumet Trace

Murfreesboro, TN

37127

Date: July 11, 2015

Time: 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

For additional information

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Constellation its Official Energy Provider, Will Offset Carbon Footprint Across All 30 team Markets

The National Hockey League (NHL) named Constellation as its official preferred energy provider to keep its priorities of reducing its environmental impact and accelerate a greater movement toward a healthier planet. Constellation will work with the NHL to conduct energy efficiency analyses and recommend energy management strategies for the League's facilities. At the NHL's request, Constellation will also provide Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and Carbon Offsets to match the League's estimated total carbon footprint – 550,000 metric tons – for the 2014–15 season.

“Our partnership with Constellation advances our commitment to promoting responsible energy use by the NHL, including our teams, our venues and our fans,” NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said. “Our sport was born on frozen ponds and relies on winter weather. Everyone who loves our game will benefit by taking an active role in preserving the environment and the roots of the game.”

“Constellation is proud to partner with the NHL to achieve its energy and environmental goals, and like the NHL, we are committed to a clean energy future,” said Joe Nigro, CEO of Constellation. “Not only does Constellation offer sustainable energy options to our customers, together with our parent company, Exelon, we’ve also dramatically reduced our carbon footprint. By promoting responsible energy use, the NHL is setting an example for the sports industry, fans and communities.”

NHL and Constellation will work together to promote efficient energy use throughout the League and at key events throughout the season, including the 2015 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic®, 2015 Honda NHL® All-Star Game, 2015 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series TM and the 2015 Stanley Cup® Playoffs.

“The NHL and Constellation are leading a cultural shift in sports toward ecologically responsible energy practices,” said Dr. Allen Hershkowitz, president of the Green Sports Alliance. “This partnership confirms that responsible environmental stewardship can be profitable and attractive to millions of fans. Hopefully, this partnership will influence other businesses and fans alike to

embrace renewable energy options which are so desperately needed to protect our planet.”

For more information on the NHL’s Sustainability Report, including information regarding calculation of the NHL’s estimated carbon footprint, visit [NHL.com/Green/Report/](https://www.nhl.com/Green/Report/).



Customer Spotlight:

Hume-Fogg Magnet High School

In 1855, Nashville’s first public school, Hume High School, opened at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Broad Street. Nashville’s second public school, Fogg High School, opened in 1875 on the same property facing Broad. The schools combined as Hume-Fogg High School on the same site in 1912. As a part of the 1982 desegregation court order, the school was designed to attract a voluntary cross section of academically able students from all racial, ethnic and economic groups. Hume-Fogg has 51 faculty members; 80 percent hold at least one advanced degree. The 920-plus students attending Hume-Fogg were selected countywide from students who score ‘advanced’ in math and reading achievement tests and have an academic grade-point average of at least 85 (B) with no failing grades.

Q&A with Hume-Fogg Magnet High School principal, Dr. Kellie Hargis.

Q: How does Hume-Fogg Magnet High School differ from other magnet schools in Nashville?

A: Hume-Fogg is a public high school dedicated to providing a high-quality, college-preparatory educational experience to the academically talented and culturally diverse students we serve. Like other magnets, our school is accessible to and pulls students from all across Davidson County, rather than from a specific

geographical zone in which they live. Students enrolled here must enter through an application process and must meet certain academic criteria. Hume-Fogg and MLK are the only two academic magnet high schools with academic entrance requirements. Our curricular focus sets us apart from MLK. We follow a liberal arts framework, while our sister school, Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet, focuses on math, science and engineering.

Q: What led you to pursue a career as a principal?

A: It simply felt like a natural next step for me. I have been an educator for more than 18 years, starting as a Head Start Preschool teacher then moving into middle and high school teaching, school counseling with elementary and alternative school students, and eventually finding my way into administration. Each of my experiences with students, families and teachers strengthened my practice and resolve to continue to grow professionally. Each of those positions provided me a new perspective and fresh lens to see the impact education can, and does, have on our communities. While cliché, I know, I truly feel my work is not a job but a calling. My heart led me to education – my personality and my need for continued challenge and growth led me into administration.

Q: Working in a building full of teenagers must keep you busy. What's your favorite part of your job?

A: By far the most rewarding and “feel good” part of my job is watching the students learn. I find relief and solace from the day-to-day pressures of administrative work by going into a classroom in my building and watching our students engage in meaningful and interesting discourse – hearing their ideas, their perspectives, their arguments ... they truly inspire me.

Q: In your opinion, what is Hume-Fogg's most important contribution to the city?

A: We are educating some of our best and brightest students to be meaningful contributors to their communities. We are providing these students a topnotch educational experience, preparing them not just for success in college and a career, which will potentially add to our community's economic well-being, but also to be involved and informed citizens, engaging, equipping and empowering them to be people of courage, compassion and character and to let those traits play out in

meaningful ways throughout the community. Our students in all grades, nine through 12, spend time in community action and service. We celebrate that here.

Q: What benefits do you see with the building being on the Metro DES system?

A: The system helps us provide a proper environment for learning. We are thrilled to be a part of such a collaborative energy system. Partnerships like this can only make our community stronger.



Employee Spotlight:

Gregory Grissette,
SE2 Operator

Gregory Grissette works as an SE2 Operator with Constellation Energy. Gregory was going to be an architectural engineer when he was presented with the opportunity to work at the old thermal plants. He had worked as an SE2 Operator for 26 years before coming to Constellation.

Q : What does a day in your job look like?

A: Every day has its challenges. Everything normally stays on course to maintain the normal; but problems arise from time to time, which keeps me on my toes. I'm always aware of what's going on, and so far, we've always been able to get back on track.

Q: What do you look forward to most when heading to work in the morning?

A: When I get to work, we set the pace for the day. We get everything lined up, and we know what the day is going to be like based on the weather conditions. After we set up, we follow through with it throughout the day.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job at DES?

A: Everybody likes to be appreciated for what they do, so when, for instance, someone recognizes what I do every day, it's rewarding. People have shown appreciation for my talents, abilities and skills by thanking me, and that makes my job meaningful. The company makes us feel appreciated too, through our annual holiday dinners that create a family environment and remind us that we're appreciated.

Q: How would you describe DES' importance to the city of Nashville?

A: I think we're vitally important to Nashville. The services we provide are very suitable to where we're positioned in the city. Economically it's good for Nashville, and with how few problems that come up, people don't question the amenities people have in their buildings.

Q: What is your most memorable moment at Metro DES?

A: Actually, getting accepted to work here. I could have gone to Metro and ended up anywhere doing anything, like being a chipper on a chipper truck; but I was accepted to come to Metro DES, and that was really memorable.

Q: What has been your most challenging task while working as an SE2 operator at DES?

A: This is a good group of people I work with, but people have bad days. Sometimes dealing with other peoples' bad days is difficult, and I try to offer support and stability for the people around me.

Q: What are you passionate about outside of your job at DES?

A: Outside of work, I do community outreach with my church, feeding the homeless and visiting hospitals, juvenile and adult justice centers, and nursing homes. We've set up awareness programs to encourage people to value themselves. People are valuable. This is where we need to help build people up in a lot of areas. I attend the New Covenant Fellowship Church of God in Christ.

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